

INTRIGUE indicates that the German empire has developed into a German vampire.

HOME EDITION

THOT HOTEL HAD PROTECTION FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

Affidavit of Room Hotel Clerk Is Made Public Today.

He Says Manager Intimidated Mayor and Cops "Fixed."

LARIMER ARRESTED REICHLEY

Sheriff Went to the Room and Ordered "a Girl."

Case Is Set for a Late Hour This Afternoon.

"Reichley just the same as told me that he was 'in' with the mayor and the chief of police," declared William Flynn, night clerk at the Room hotel, in an affidavit taken following the arrest of Manager Adam H. Reichley of the Room hotel on the charge of "keeping a place where immoral practices were allowed."

The affidavits were taken after Sheriff Hugh Larimer had registered at the hotel and asked that the girl be sent to his room and had his order carried out. Sheriff Larimer made the arrest and secured the affidavits that were made public by county attorney Hugh Fisher today.

The case was to have come on for trial this morning, but the schedule of the court was changed this afternoon on account of the appointment of Tinkham Wade, Reichley's attorney, and the affidavits of both William Flynn, the night clerk, and Frank Tucker, the 17-year-old colored bell hop at the Room hotel, were made public today.

Night Clerk's Affidavit. In his affidavit Flynn, the night clerk at the Room hotel, declared that when a man came to the hotel and asked for a girl, the man was to be sent up to that room. Flynn declared that he spoke to the manager concerning the danger of this and said that "Reichley the same as told me that he was 'in' with the mayor and the chief of police," Flynn added that one woman who came to the Room hotel and registered there as a man.

In his affidavit Flynn stated that he had spoken to the manager about the practice of sending girls to the men's rooms just before the recent cleanup of immoral women by the city officials. We will have to throw the girls out as things are getting a little too tight, is the answer Flynn attributes to Reichley on this occasion.

Frank Tucker, the bell hop, a colored boy about 17 years old, stated in his affidavit that he had directed many soldiers to the rooms of certain girls. Tucker mentioned the names of five girls in his affidavit as being the ones to whom he sent the soldiers. The girls concerned in the affair are, according to Tucker, Ruth Diehl, Irene Caton, Edna Wilson, Mary Cash and Elva Payne.

WEN VS. SWORD

Wilson's Weapon More Effective Than the Kaiser's.

Vatican Praises Humanitarian Address of U. S. President.

BY JOHN H. HEARLEY.

Rome, March 8.—President Wilson's pen is doing more for the cause of a just and popular peace than twenty million swords.

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HEAVENS ON A SPREE!

Elaborate Display of Northern Lights Seen, New York to Toledo.

Chicago, March 8.—The heavens were on a spree last night, treating the entire middle west with an elaborate display of northern lights.

The aurora borealis was reported as far south as Knoxville, Tenn., and extended west of Toledo, Kan. The display began about 9 o'clock and continued for two and three hours.

New York, March 8.—Weather sharks agreed today that it was the aurora borealis that astonished New Yorkers during the night and whose manifestations of light in the heavens.

HALF OF GERMAN FAMILY'S EXPENSE IS COST OF FOOD

Washington, March 8.—The seriousness of the cost of living problem in Germany is shown in figures announced today by the department of labor which state that 52.14 per cent of the average German family's expenditures is paid for food. Fresh meat is scarce and smoked and preserved meats are high in price while fish is two and one-half to four times higher than in peace times.

Potatoes are being substituted for grain and substitutes of all kinds are being used, especially by the poorer classes. Jam very largely has taken the place of butter and oleomargarine.

PHONES N. Y. TO SALINA HE'S ON WAY TO FRANCE; CHARGES TOLL TO "DAD"

New York, March 8.—"Good-bye, father," said Lester A. Sprinkle, 23, who was the words Charles F. McAdams of Salina, Kan., heard by telephone. And his heart must have swelled with pride. It was his son Arthur speaking all the way from New York.

"I leave in the morning," continued Arthur, "and my heart is leaving the tolls reversed." These few words of farewell cost Mr. McAdams \$12.

SPRINKLE IN CITY

Topeka Captain Who Chased Mexican Bandits Visits Parents.

Formerly on the Advertising Force of the State Journal.

Capt. Lester A. Sprinkle, a graduate of the Topeka high school and for several years on the advertising force of the State Journal, and the hero of the Marfa Mexican bandit raid Christmas day, is visiting his parents, 1906 Lane street, today. He is on a leave from duty with the Eighth cavalry, United States regulars on the border, and will be in the city several days.

Capt. Sprinkle is the officer mentioned in the Associated Press dispatches last Christmas who led American troops in a chase of fifty miles across the border into the famous Britte ranch near Marfa, Texas.

In telling of the incident today, Captain Sprinkle reluctantly said: "Christmas day a gang of about thirty bandits approached the ranch house. The foreman, a man about 65 years of age, named John, was shot. He had tried to telephone to Marfa, a distance of thirty-five miles, but found that the wires had been cut by the bandits. He finally was detected by another rancher, who reported the news to Marfa. I was sent to the ranch in motor cars with about thirty men, the bandits, after stealing horses and saddles from the ranch, saw our dust in the distance and immediately started for the border. We followed them across into Mexico, and for two days our forces, numbering about 100 men, chased them. They made several stands, but finally the remaining members of the band escaped into the mountains. We killed probably twenty-five of the thirty bandits in these engagements. We lost two horses, a mule and one casualty. One trooper was wounded in the leg."

Captain Sprinkle is a graduate of Kentworth Military academy and Kansas university. He was in the Kansas national guard on the border and later was commissioned second lieutenant in the regular cavalry. He is now captain, commissioned in August, 1917. He finally has been with the Eighth cavalry for the last six months.

The Mexican situation doesn't look troublesome at this time," said today. "Carranza's men seem very friendly. All we need fear, apparently, is the raid, now and then, of roaming bandit gangs. Our troops are well stationed along the border. In Mexico today they need food worse than anything else. They have no money, but no flour. They also have guns and ammunition. I understand, but probably not to any dangerous degree."

WAR CASUALTIES LOW

Losses in Entire British Army for First Week in March, 3,343.

London, March 7.—For the first week of March British casualties were 3,343, the lowest of any week for several months. The official report for the week ending today follows:

Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 63; men, 628.

Wounded: Officers, 179; men, 1,473.

The lowest previous week for several months was the week ending February, in which there were 2,571 casualties. The total casualties for February, a low month, were 18,961.

NEW RUCTION IN SPAIN

Head of Reconstructed Cabinet Tenders His Resignation.

Madrid, March 8.—The Spanish cabinet recently reconstructed by General de Albuquerque, who, in addition to being premier, held the portfolio of foreign affairs, resigned today.

Head of French Ship Line Dead.

Paris, March 8.—Julius Charles-Roux, president of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (the French line) is dead at his home here. He was one of the leading ship owners and shipbuilders of France.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1918—TWELVE PAGES

PLUNDER QUEST OF HOUSES TURNS TO MACEDONIA

Now Expect Drive on Saloniki Instead of Western Front.

Plans To Clean Up "Back Door" Before Striking in France.

DEMOCRACY'S DARKEST HOUR

Russian Debacle Has Thrown Vast Resources to Enemy.

United Enemy Armies Might Overwhelm Saloniki Forces.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER.

Washington, March 8.—Germany's plunder quest through the helpless countries of the near east is now expected to swing next into Macedonia.

Fear of this drive on the Saloniki front, where the Teutons, with Bulgars and Turks released from the Russian and Rumanian front assisting, could deliver a mighty blow, is occupying the attention of allied leaders today.

American military men here have long scouted the probability of a big German drive on the east front this year—where Germany stood to lose much if she failed and gain little if she won. British leaders have now veered to the same view.

ELEVEN KILLED BY 46 WOUNDED BY RAID ON LONDON

Fear Additional Six Bodies Are in Ruins of Houses.

German Flyers Reached British Capital at Midnight.

Guided by "Northern Lights" Arctic Phenomenon Lighted Way for "Baby Killers."

Destruction Confined to Residential Portion of Great City.

London, March 8.—Eleven persons were killed and forty-six others were injured in last night's airplane raid on London, according to the latest police reports, says an official announcement today. It is feared that an additional six bodies are in the ruins of houses wrecked.

Seven or eight German airplanes made a raid. One of them reached London, and dropped bombs in the northwest and southwest districts of the city.

The official police reports state that 11 were killed and 46 injured in last night's airplane raid. It is feared that an additional six bodies are in the ruins of houses wrecked.

Several persons were killed by the destruction of private houses in northeastern London. The houses of a vicar were partially wrecked, and the vicar himself was injured.

The greatest damage in London was inflicted in the northwestern section, where four houses were demolished and several others damaged.

All the damage and casualties in this district were confined to two parallel streets, the houses on either side of the streets being blown down.

A single raid appeared over this area. Hundreds of persons were preparing to desert their homes, most of which are three-story buildings, for the shelter of the two nearby subways when the bombs began to fall.

First Bomb Crashed Thru House. The first bomb made a square shot on a three-story dwelling of concrete and brick, blowing it into three pieces.

While the police special constables and volunteer reserve men were preparing to desert their homes, most of which are three-story buildings, for the shelter of the two nearby subways when the bombs began to fall.

There was a remarkable display of the northern lights last night and it is believed by many that this furnished conditions under which the raiders could move more effectively than under a clear, star-lit sky.

Another feature of the raid was the strong breeze, which most persons believed hindered operations of the hostile airplanes. Those who were high points of the spectacle of the searchlights and the gun flashes won't wonder when the enemy could face the wind and cold.

First "Moonless" Raid. Another raid dropped bombs in the northern district of London, demolishing several houses and wounding several persons.

Last night's raid was carried out by seven or eight airplanes, which reached London and dropped bombs in the northwest and southwest districts.

The raid demonstrated that German aviators no longer depend upon moonlight. It was the first time the enemy had attempted a night raid over London when there was no moon.

The stars were out, however, and there was little wind. Londoners were taken by surprise when the warning signals were sounded. The streets were quickly cleared. The bombing was generally headed, every one taking cover. For a time the gunfire was slow.

Guided by "Northern Lights." Reports from the coast declare that a vivid aurora borealis over the North sea illuminated the coast and made the raiders' path.

RAIN HERE TONIGHT

More Moisture Promised to Put Ground in Condition for Gardening.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock.....35 11 o'clock.....51 8 o'clock.....37 12 o'clock.....54 9 o'clock.....40 1 o'clock.....58 10 o'clock.....44 2 o'clock.....66

The wind was blowing this afternoon at the rate of fifteen miles an hour from the southeast. The temperature average for the day was 5 degrees above normal.

Since the garden craze has hit the towns, the city dwellers no less than the ruralists will rejoice at the announcement made this morning by S. D. Florin of the weather bureau, that there is to be rainfall tonight and Saturday. In view of time we are bidden that they are in the military service.

BIG BALANCE OF CROPS STILL IN FARM GRANARIES

40 Per Cent of 1917 Corn Crop Not Yet Marketed.

Farmers Hold 1,292,905,000 Bushels, Says U. S. Report.

Held 17 PER CENT OF WHEAT Higher Percentage Hoarded Than in Previous Years.

37 Per Cent of Oats and 20 Per Cent Barley Still on Farms.

Washington, March 8.—Grain in farmers' hands on March 1, as announced today by the department of agriculture was:

Corn, 1,292,905,000 bushels or 40.90 per cent of the 1917 crop.

Wheat, 111,272,000 bushels or 17.1 per cent.

Barley, 43,404,000 bushels or 20.8 per cent.

Much interest centered in the department of agriculture's grain report today announcing the amount of grain on farms March 1. The quantity of wheat in farmers' hands was expected to be much lower than in other years.

The food administration has exerted to send that cereal to the allies, but the forecast was upset entirely.

Hold 12.9 Per Cent of Corn Year Ago. Corn of the 1916 crop on farms March 1, last year amounted to 782,303,000 bushels or 35.3 per cent of the 1916 crop.

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Main Purpose To Break Up Outposts of "Kultur" in U. S.

German Empire Has Financial Chain Across America.

Will NEVER BE RESTORED Don't Intend To Disturb Property of Minor Individuals.

Palmer Reveals Magnitude of Teutonic Industries in U. S.

Washington, March 8.—Property in the United States owned by the Kaiser, former Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German "junkies" generally, and the German government itself will be the first to go under the hammer under the plans of A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

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GET OUT THE BRASS BAND, BILLY AND "MA" COMING!

Chicago, March 8.—Billy Sunday will be welcomed to Chicago Saturday noon in the manner of a conquering hero. Mounted police will form the guard of honor when Billy and "Ma" stepped from the train. A thousand singers from the tabernacle choir will act as heralds.

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